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Description
This folder contains correspondence and other documents from 1920. There are numerous items, including correspondence with the American Radiator Co. and the New York Telephone Co., pertaining to the upkeep and repair of Glenmont, the Edison home in Llewellyn Park, New Jersey. Also included is correspondence with Anna Bjorkander, a former member of the Glenmont service staff who was seeking Mina Edison's assistance to return to America. A letter from physician Edwin A. Locke discusses Mina's efforts to lose weight. Letters by Arthur Bestor and George W. Rowland of the Chautauqua Institution relate to the purchase of additional property and the construction of permanent memorial in Miller Park. Also included are letters regarding a Lewis Miller lectureship in China sponsored by the YMCA and a telegram by William H. Meadowcroft announcing the death of Edison's favorite cousin, Nancy Elizabeth (Lizzie) Wadsworth.

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[F5F11AE], Letter from Anna Bjorkander to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 2nd, 1920

Title
[F5F11AE], Letter from Anna Bjorkander to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 2nd, 1920

Author
Bjorkander, Anna

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Date
1920-01-02

Type
Letter

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MRS. EDISON

Hold letter

Stockholm,
January 2, 1920.

Dear Mrs. Thomas Edison,

Pardon me for writing to you, Mrs. Edison, instead of writing to your secretary. My reason is that I did not want anyone but yourself, Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, to know this letter contents.

As I have written you before that I have for many years been an inmate in an insane asylum and declared insane. It is now over ten years. I am not very strong in body, but I thank God that my Soul is strong and that my reason has never been darkened or imparred,

Certain persons of ill will, among them even doctors, have hypnotized me and they say that I have no will of my own but act, speak, and do as others' will-power dictate. I can not, of course, prove that doctors have committed such fearful crimes to me, because it is a crime to hypnotize a person against his or her will. It must be a cause for my suffering, otherwise God would not have permitted it, but perhaps God will have mercy on me and give me my strength for the rest of my time in this world.

A year ago last Summer the Hospital officials helped me to get a position. The buildings was in a thick forest and that gave me a change to breathe fresh air, but at that time, it was very hard to get food in Sweden (except the very rich) and my strength sank very rapidly until I could not hold the position more than three months and ten days.

I telephoned to the Chief of the Medical Staff, Doctor Olander, and begged him to help me to some rest home, but his answer was absolutely, "no". I was again compelled to go back to the asylum, and immediately I became a victim to the Spanish Influenza, which took away the little strength that I had still left. I hoped that I could die, but my time on earth was not yet up. Then I came to Langbron again and there I thought I would write to the young lady I was maid for at one time, and beg her to give me a reference that I may be able to seek a position, and it was given to me. But the young lady wanted a maid herself and offered me the position, which I accepted, but only for two months. She is so very nervous that it is utterly impossible for me to be with her on account of my own weakened nerve system.

The first time I had a position with her I had no salary paid me at all. Now only 45 (forty-five) with ten Kroner per month (about two dollars). I was helping with everything and paid my fare both ways out and in to Vaxholm, and very often I bought bread for myself and the patients (I acted now as nurse).

Here all the clothes are so extremely expensive it is simply impossible for me to get a dress, coat, or a pair of shoes. A pair of shoes an old friend of mine have had repaired and presented to me, the value was eight Kroner and fifty ore (about $1.75).

I am permitted to go to my old friends Lundin and help them with housework and everything I do I am paid for, but I have nothing left for clothing. Permit me to ask you, Mrs. Edison, if you will be kind enough to send me little money in advance that will enable me to purchase the absolute necessities in the way of clothes.

It is impossible for me to try to get a position among strangers, due to the fact that I must explain where I have been the last years and then nobody want me in their employ, because they believe that I am insane. Therefore, the best thing for me to do will be to leave Sweden. I dread to think that perhaps they will send me again to Langbron asylum. If so, I wish that death will take me before.

I shall go to a doctor that I have confidence in and ask him to write me a doctor's certificate without pay. He is a Christian, and therefore will certainly have mercy with me. To get a certificate of any kind cost money, and I only have a few kroner which I would use for street carfares, but I suppose I must do as many tell me to do, "Walk if I have any errands to perform".

I will go to the Council Minister to Sweden and arrange matters, then I will write or he will to Mrs. Edison's Secretary, but I do not know if I shall write Miss or Mr. before W. Kellow. Are your Secretary a lady or a gentleman?

At present I am with my sister and brother-in-law. It is plenty of work here, but they can not afford to hire any one to do the work, and therefore I can not even be here for any length of time, but my mail is delivered here, and I am registered here. My sister wrote to Langbron asylum and vouched for me that I could leave this institution.

Forgive me for writing this long letter which will take up so much of your time.

From my heart I wish you, Mrs. Edison, and all your loving ones a happy New Year.

Very respectfully,

Annie Bjorkander

% O. Heimer,
Vegagatan No. 15
Stockholm, Sweden.

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[F5F11AF], Letter from Anna Bjorkander to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 2nd, 1920

Author
Bjorkander, Anna

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1920-01-02

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Letter

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Labor

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Vegagatan 15,
Stockholm,
January 2, 1920

Dear Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,

With pleasure I will bind myself to be in your, Mrs. Edison's employ for one year, and I will do everything in my power that you will be satisfied with my work.

Respectfully,

Annie Bjorkander

Translater's Remarks.

Translation is correct after the original, as it is written, without any change in any sentences.

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Title
[F5F11AG], Letter from Alfred W Staub to Charles Frederic Rand, January 5th, 1920

Author
Staub, Alfred W

Recipient
Rand, Charles Frederic

Mentioned

- Red Cross
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1920-01-05

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Letter

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World War I

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ROBERT COLLEGE, CONSTANTINOPLE,
President's Office.

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January 5th, 1920.

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Mr. Charles F. Rand,
Chapter of the Oranges, A. R. C.
71 Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Rand:

On December 13th I left Constantinople on the U.S.Destroyer No.155, for a trip to Marsovan, to visit Anatolia College, which is located there, and the relief work that is being undertaken for the Near East Relief Committee. Marsovan is reached by a journey of seventy miles overland from Sansoun - a port on the Black Sea some 350 miles east of Constantinople.

When I boarded the Destroyer I supposed we were going directly to this port, but the Captain had other orders which took us first to Yalta in the Crimea, to Novorossick in Russia, to Batoum in the Caucasus, to Trebizond, and finally to Samsoun. We had travelled over a thousand miles, and had practically circummavigated the Black Sea.

We encountered a storm on the night of the 13th which I thought would certainly bring my traveling days to a close. This Destroyer is the fastest boat in the American Navy, and can make forty-one knots an hour. She is too light for comfort, however, in a rough sea. During the time when we were not completely submerged she was leaping from wave to wave like a flying fish.

After being delayed at Samsoun two days by a heavy rain it took us two days more to make the trip to Marsovan in wagons not unlike an American prairie schooner. We were soon passing through mountainous country over rough roads, where the rain turned to snow, and finally developed into an old-fashioned blizzard.

At Marsovan I found relief work in full operation. Some four hundred Armenian and Greek children were in orphanages which were practically boarding schools; about forty Armenian women with their babies, rescuedfrom Turkish homes, were being comfortably housed and nursed back to a respectable womanhood; a well organized public store was selling necessary supplies at a reasonable price to all sorts of people, including many Turks; a daily meal was being prepared from a soup kitchen for over twelve hundred Turkish orphans housed in a large military barracks, which was practically a pest house. Some of the old clothing that your chapter helped to collect last April was being distributed, and a splendid hospital, of one hundred beds, probably the best equipped to be found anywhere in the interior of Turkey, manned by two American doctors, four American Red Cross nurses, and eight native nurses-in-training was doing a magnificent work.

As I was being conducted through the hospital I learned that some surgical dressings had been received from the Chapter of the Oranges of the

American Red Cross. Naturally I thought of you, and I felt it my duty to tell you how the influence of your chapter has penetrated way out here into the interior of Turkey.

I wish you could have seen those patients, men, women, and children - Armenians, Greeks, Turks, and Russians - all being administered unto alike by the supplied which your chapter helped to provide. It was a moment of triumphant inspiration to me, and I must confess that I felt more at home when I learned that the spirit of some of the people with whom I have had such pleasant associations in Red Cross work had been there before me.

I remember how eager the workers in the Red Cross used to be about knowing just what became of their supplies. It so happens that I am able to account for these few things personally. The full story, of course, can never be told, but we may all be assured that the loving service of the American Red Cross was well-nigh universal in this war stricken world, and that blessings were uttered in many languages which - could they be but heard by those for whom they were intended - would fill the earth with so much joy that we would all be able to cope more sympathetically with its unprecedented misery.

Very sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) ALBERT W. STAUB

Write and thank
Mr. Round for sending
me this letter.

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[F5F11AH], Letter from Edwin Allen Locke to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 6th, 1920

Author
Locke, Edwin Allen

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Haas, Charles

Date
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EDWIN A. LOCKE, M.D.
311 BEACON STREET,
BOSTON, MASS.

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January 6, 1920.

Bill in
to Mr. Hoar.

Please send
my account as I have
been so occupied that I
have been unable
to follow up recent
and have lost out

Dear Mrs. Edison:

I have been watching the course of your weight and the diet slips with much interest. As you will see from the enclosed chart, which I think you may be interested to keep up, the weight has been going down gradually. With a purpose to lose only ten to fifteen pounds the present rate is quite rapid enough as you will see from its present course it will require only two or three months more to bring it down to approximately one hundred and sixty.

I am surprised, to be perfectly frank, that your weight has dropped as your diet is a rather unusually liberal one, both in variety and caloric value. I usually find it necessary to exclude all such articles of food as doughnuts, macaroni, breadstuffs in any form at luncheon or dinner, potato, cream soups, puddings and pastries of all kinds, chocolate, scalloped fish and croquettes, raisins, nuts, and pancakes with syrup. I do not mean that I consider it necessary for you to cut out all such foods from your diet. A better plan would be, it seems to me, for you to cut down on such foods perhaps one-third to one-half, in which case the weight would undoubtedly drop a little more rapidly.

You are furthermore taking a rather larger variety of foods at luncheon and dinner than is my custom to allow. Any regulations with reference to this variety, however, must be based on the desired rate of loss in weight. In other words, if you continue to lose as you have done during the past five weeks there is no reason why you should restrict the diet more, but in case you do not continue to lose, and I am rather of the opinion that you will not on the present diet, then I would advise cutting out some of the articles mentioned above as "forbidden fruits" and also cutting down on the variety of food at the last two meals. The breakfasts are entirely

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311 BEACON STREET,
BOSTON, MASS.

satisfactory except that such fruits as oranges, grapefruit, malaga grapes etc. contain less sugar than do stewed prunes.

I am not surprised that you are having a little trouble with the bowels as on a restricted diet such difficulties are rather common. I would advise your taking a glass of water on rising with perhaps two tablespoonfuls of Pluto water increasing or diminishing the amount of Pluto as you find necessary.

I entirely approve of the exercises night and morning which you mention. I am also hoping that you will find it possible to do a reasonable amount of regular daily walking.

I am, with kind regards

Very sincerely yours,

Edwin A. Locke

Encl.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
West Orange, N. J.

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[F5F11AI], Letter from International Committee Young Mens Christian Assns, Clarence Hovey Robertson to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 22nd, 1920

Title

[F5F11AI], Letter from International Committee Young Mens Christian Assns, Clarence Hovey Robertson to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 22nd, 1920

Author

- International Committee Young Mens Christian Assns
- Robertson, Clarence Hovey

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Heald, Elizabeth Manning (Mrs John O.)
- Allen, Lois Faber Kidder (Mrs Eugene Y.)
- Righter, Stephen Ward
- Miller, Lewis
- Jenkins, Alfred Blunt
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Meadowcroft, William Henry

Date

1920-01-22

Type

Letter

Subject

- Race, religion, ethnicity
- Foreign affairs
- Expositions, demonstrations, lectures

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Ask Mr. Edison what he thinks about this letter - Write Mr. Meadowcroft.

La Fayette, Ind.,
January 22, 1920.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

I wish you could really realize how fine and far-reaching an impression the event in your home made upon the men who were there that I have seen since. For myself, it will stand out as one of the brightest spots in this short furlough in America.

Not only so, but it will be an event of immense interest in the next few years ahead, as I take up again that fascinating work that it has been given me to do in China and Russia.

I am counting on receiving from you at your convenience the names and addresses of the interesting friends who were at the meeting so that I may give occasional glimpses of the development of the work that they expressed such interest in.

I trust that you will give earnest and prayerful consideration to my suggestion that you and Mr. Edison make some investment and in memory of your father's vision in that so promising and fruitful situation in China.

What better form could this take than a memorial lectureship which might be called the Lewis Miller lectureship in China? This would make possible a nation-wide presentation in irresistably attractive form of one of the great topics that we discussed as indispensible to the higher life of China.

I am returning to New York for just a few days at the end of January preparatory to starting back to China. I shall be in Orange again and trust that I may have a note from you saying I may call at an opportune time to answer any questions that a careful consideration of this would suggest.

I have had two wonderful days here lecturing for the entire faculty and student body of the University. The result is that they are providing an annual fund for a lectureship in this work in China under the name of "Purdue in China".

I am enclosing an additional sheet of suggestions.

Most cordially yours,

CHRobertson

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N.J.

Permanent address.
Room 1007.
347 Madison Ave
New York city

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[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

POSSIBLE OBJECTIVES FOR CHINA LECTURE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.

(A) To provide the balance of the laboratory headquarters at Shanghai, $40,000.00 to be added to the present $40,000.00 already provided, for the total of $80,000.00 required.

(B) Provide for the budget of a section of the Lecture Department at $10,000.00 per year, two lecturers (one American and one Chinese) with their demonstrators, travel and overhead.

(C) Provide for one expert American lecturer at $5,000.00 per year, with maintenance, travel, etc.

(D) Provide for C.H.Robertson a Secretarial associate of investigational and promoting ability, at $3,000.00 per year.

(E) Provide one or more lecture demonstration outfits at an average cost of $1,000.00 each.

Mr + Mrs. Yorke Allen
41 Ridgewood Road
So. Orange

Mr + Mrs. Eugene Allen
#1 Fuller Terrace
Orange N.J.

Mr. + Mrs - Borden D. Whiting
Llewellyn Park.

A. B.
Mrs " Jenkins
Llewellyn Park

Mrs. John O Heald
" "

Dr. & Mrs. Prince
Llewellyn Park

Mrs. F. W. Whittemore " "

Rev. & Mrs. J. W. Righter
12 Essex St. E. Orange N.J.

The misses Pierson
18 - Hillyer St. Orange

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Title
[F5F11AJ], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to Thomas Alva Edison, William Henry Meadowcroft, February 4th, 1920

Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient

- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Meadowcroft, William Henry

Mentioned

- Young Men's Christian Assn
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1920-02-04

Type
Letter

Subject

- Foreign affairs
- Expositions, demonstrations, lectures

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THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL.

Office of Secretary

February 4th, 1920.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison,
and
Mr. Meadowcroft:

Attached papers regarding work of the Y.M.C.A. in China are referred to you at Mrs. Edison's request for your decision as to what ought to be done.

R. W. KELLOW,
Secretary

Can't do any thing
at present may be
able to some time
in the future.
Please send the [illegible]
as [illegible] letter

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Title

[F5F11AK], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to International Committee Young Mens Christian Assns, Clarence Hovey Robertson, February 9th, 1920

Author

Meadowcroft, William Henry

Recipient

- International Committee Young Mens Christian Assns
- Robertson, Clarence Hovey

Mentioned

- Heald, Elizabeth Manning (Mrs John O.)
- Jenkins, Alfred Blunt
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date

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Letter

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- Foreign affairs
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February Ninth,
Nineteen Twenty

My dear Mr. Robertson:

Mrs. Edison has asked me to acknowledge your letter of January 22nd regarding your proposal of the Lectureship in China.

Mrs. Edison desires me to say that she cannot do anything regarding this at present.

The names for which you asked are as follows:

Mr. & Mrs York Allen, 41 Ridgewood Rd, So. Orange, N.J
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Allen, 1 Fuller Terrace, Orange, N.J
Mr. & Mrs Borden D Whiting, Llewellyn Park West Orange
Mrs. A.B. Jenkins, Llewellyn Park, Wesy Orange, N.J.
Mrs. John O. Heald, Llewellyn Park, West Orange, N.J.
Dr. & Mrs Pierce, Llewellyn Park, West Orange, N.J.
Mrs. F.W. Whittemore, Llewellyn Park, West Orange, N.J
Rev. & Mrs I. [illegible] Righter, 12 Essex St., East Orange, N.J.
The Misses Pierson, 16 Hillyer Street, Orange, N.J.

Faithfully yours,

Mr. C.H. Robertson,
Room 1007,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City

C C to Mrs. Edison

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Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Bjorkander, Anna

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THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL.

Office of Secretary

February 24th, 1920.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:

You have not told us definitely whether or not to send for Miss Annie Bjorkander and we assume you do not wish us to do so. We think we ought to write to her promptly if you do not want her.

R.W. KELLOW

Secretary

There seems to be too much uncertainty about arrangements. I think you can say that when she has done all that is necessary for permission to come to America she can write us and we can then attend to her case - It seems to me that she will be unable to do anything without asking us.

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Title
[F5F11AM], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to Anna Bjorkander, February 26th, 1920

Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Bjorkander, Anna

Mentioned
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
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Letter

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February 26th, 1920.

My dear Miss Bjorkander:

Your letters have been received, but as Mrs. Edison has gone to her winter home in the South and will probably not be back until May, I am afraid nothing further can be done about your coming to America until after Mrs. Edison returnsato her home in Llewellyn Park.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

Miss Annie Bjorkander
c/o Fru Maria Heimer,
Vagagatan 15, 1tr.,
Stockholm, Sweden.

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Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Mary Emily
- Tinstman, Nellie L (Mrs Benjamin E.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Letter

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THOMAS A. EDISON

ORANGE, N.J.

Mr. Kellow —
Rope all right —
One from Macy's ~~and~~ for
room first trial.

Mrs. Edison said
see Roberts about
mme

March 9th, 1920.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

Regarding the rope fire escape for the house, I have personally had this up with the manufacturers who have told me that they sell one hundred manila rope fire escapes to one rope and wire combined. In their opinion, the rope fire escape is perfectly satisfactory for use of persons, as the escape would not, of course, be used to lower a person through flames of sufficient heat to burn off the manila rope while exposed to the heat for such a short time as would be required to lower a person to the ground. They, therefore, recommend the #1 rope fire escape at a cost of $6.00 each. They will, of course, if you wish it, make up the inter-lined wire rope at an extra cost, which they have not stated to us.

Do you wish me to purchase any of these escapes in your absence ? If so, how many will you require ?

I am wondering whether you found the new dock and the new cistern up to your expectations. I hope so. It is quite difficult to direct such operations at a distance of about fifteen hundred miles but from what I can judge from the correspondence and the plans and from what I know of Mrs. Tinstman's very thorough and intelligent supervision, I should say the improvements must be very nice.

Very truly yours,

RWKellow
Secretary

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Seminole Lodge,
Fort Myers, Florida

Mrs. E —
Received same
promptly —
RWK 3/18/20

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[F5F11AP], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 18th, 1920

Title
[F5F11AP], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 18th, 1920

Author
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Atlantic Coast Line Railroad
- Horsey, Henry
- Ott, Frederick Paul
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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March 18, 1920

Dear Mrs. Edison:

We received this morning your telegram saying:

"Will you get drawing room through and one lower for the fifteenth of April."

We are telegraphing for reservations and will do the best possible.

I suppose these reservations are for yourself, Mr. Edison and Henry, and that the two maids and Mr. Ott will not return until a week or so after you leave. Will Mr. Ott and the maids arrange for their own reservations from Fort Myers, or do you wish me to procure reservations for them. I think very likely they can do this with the Fort Myers agent but will be glad to do this if I can be of any service.

A representative of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad promised to call on you while at Fort Myers to arrange for the return transportation which I understand was done last year. Evidently he has not called as yet. He is located in Tampa and you may receive a visit from him within the next few days. We have addressed our wire regarding reservations to him.

Things are going nicely here in the North. The snow is disappearing fast under the warm sun we have had during the last few days, coupled with some heavy warm rains, and things will look quite different upon your return.

Faithfully yours,

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Title
[F5F11AQ], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to New York Telephone Co, March 19th, 1920

Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
New York Telephone Co

Mentioned

- Glenmont
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1920-03-19

Type
Letter

Subject
Property

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Glenmont

March 19, 1920.

New York Telephone Company,
Baldwin Street,
Orange, N. J.

Gentlemen:

This will confirm telephone conversation with your office this afternoon in which we reported to you that the bell on the outside of gardener's house on Mrs. Edison's estate in Llewellyn Park is not as satisfactory as the temporary bell which you originally placed on this house. The bell is for the purpose of signalling the gardener when his telephone is called, and he is absent from the building about the gardens. The present bell does not ring loudly enough.

The gardener also tells me that a day or two ago he had trouble with the batteries, his bell ringing continually.

Within the next few days will you kindly send someone to the place to look the trouble over and endeavor to correct it? Also we should like to have a satisfactory bell placed on the house.

Yours very truly,

Kellow

Secretary.

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C.C. to Mr. Mambert (2)

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[F5F11AR], Memorandum, Richard Wesley Kellow, Arthur Cecil Frost, March 19th, 1920

Title
[F5F11AR], Memorandum, Richard Wesley Kellow, Arthur Cecil Frost, March 19th, 1920

Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Frost, Arthur Cecil

Mentioned

- Glenmont
- Allen, John J
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Nicolai, Charles A

Date
1920-03-19

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FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM No. P [illegible]
DATE March 19, 1920.
EFFECTIVE

FROM— Secretarial Service Dept. of Thomas A. Edison, Personal

TO— Mr. A. C. Frost, Insurance Service Dept.

SUBJECT: Conditions at Mr. Edison's residence.

Answering your memorandum #704 of March 10, regarding Chief Allen's report of conditions at the house, I do not think the conditions mentioned are of any very great importance. Just as soon as the weather dries up a little more, say within the next 10 days or two weeks, I will have someone visit the house to see if the hose house door, which has probably been expanded by the weather, closes properly and also have the electric wiring looked over. I think this probably can be torn down by some of Mrs. Edison's employees, and thus save the expense of sending special workmen to the house to perform this work.

For your information, if you do not already know it, I have arranged through Mr. Nicolai for Chief Allen to make regular inspections at the house to see that fire extinguishers are kept filled, that fire hydrants are in shape, fire hose is in shape, and that everything in fact is in readiness for use in the case of fire. Mr. Nicolai also makes inspection of motors, etc. about once a month and these are kept in repair and in good order.

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R. W. Kellow,
Secretary.

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COPIES TO— MR. STEPHEN B. MAMBERT—(2) Mr. Chas. Edison, Mr. Nicolai and Mr. J.J.Allen.

USE THIS FORM TO PUT IN WRITING MATTERS OF A CONTINUING NATURE, SUCH AS BETTER FINANCIAL PRACTICES—EMBRACING GENERAL POLICIES AND INTERFUNCTIONAL RELATIONS.

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Title
[F5F11AR1], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to Charles Frederic Rand, March 23rd, 1920

Author
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Recipient
Rand, Charles Frederic

Mentioned

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Staub, Alfred W

Date
1920-03-23

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March 23,1920.

Mr. Charles F. Rand,
71 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Rand:

Before leaving for Florida, Mrs. Edison made a note on the copy of the letter from Mr. Albert W. Staub. In this note she asked me to write and thank you for sending her a copy of Mr. Staub's letter, which she found very interesting.

The letter in some way got mixed up with some other papers, and has only just come to my attention. Hence, the delay, which I trust you will kindly excuse.

Yours very truly,

Assistant to Mr. Edison.

A/9150.

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Title
[F5F11AS], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to New York Telephone Co, April 2nd, 1920

Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
New York Telephone Co

Mentioned
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1920-04-02

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April 2nd, 1920.

The New York Telephone Co.,
9 Baldwin Street,
Orange, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

The bell attached to the outside of the Gardeners' house on Mrs. Edison's estate in Llewellyn Park, West Orange is again out of order. Will you please have one of your men look into the situation and make the necessary repairs. This bell has never given us much satisfaction and there may be some trouble with the connection as it has been repaired several times only to go out of order again within a very short time after having been repaired.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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Title
[F5F11AT], Letter from Anna Bjorkander to Richard Wesley Kellow, April 3rd, 1920

Author
Bjorkander, Anna

Recipient
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Mentioned
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1920-04-03

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Stockholm d. 3dje April. 1920.

Dear Sectratary!

Your letter has recived, and would you now please tell Mrs. Thomas Edison, that I will be happy to go over to America, and to Mrs. Edison's house as soon as possible, than we do not have to renew the passage. If it is not against Mrs. Edison's will, it is better for me to have money and buy the thicket here, at the steamer office they say thats best. But if Mrs. Edison all ready sent thicket, I am sure it would be all right.
My adress is as usualt. c/o. Fru Heimer. Vegagatan 15. 1tr.
Stockholm Sweden. Respectfully yours Annie Björkander.

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[F5F11AU], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 20th, 1920

Title
[F5F11AU], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 20th, 1920

Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Nicolai, Charles A

Date
1920-05-20

Type
Letter

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May 20th, 1920.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:

We have asked Mr. Nicolai to send a man at once to investigate trouble you are having with water from garage overflowing into garden. We will report to you as soon as they have looked it over.

I understood you were sending me a memorandum regarding the wiring you require on the fountain and so did not make as careful note of what you wished as I would have done otherwise.

Do you simply wish the wiring re-connected or is there some special wiring you wish done which you will have to explain to the electrician and if the latter, will you please tell me when it will be convenient for you to see him?

Phone- Mac[illegible] 5/21

R. W. KELLOW,

Secretary

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[F5F11AV], Memorandum, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 20th, 1920

Title
[F5F11AV], Memorandum, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 20th, 1920

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1920-05-20

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Memorandum

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Mrs. Edison on telephone 5/20/20

Water from garage, when cars are washed, runs into cesspool and overflows into garden. Gas and oil go with the water and trees and grass are being killed.

It was arranged sometime ago, Mrs. Edison thinks, to connect piping to sewer to dispose of this water

Mrs. Edison wants some one to come to house to do wiring of fountain

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[F5F11AW], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 24th, 1920

Title
[F5F11AW], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 24th, 1920

Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Brandon, Miss
- Nicolai, Charles A

Date
1920-05-24

Type
Letter

Subject
Property

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May 24th, 1920.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:

Mr. Nicolai has looked over the Cesspool condition at the garage and has made a rough sketch of the location, etc and is presenting it today to the town authorities to ascertain if you will be permitted to have connections made to the town sewer. We shall probably know about this tomorrow or the next day and will immediately proceed to put this into the shape you require.

An electrician will be at the house today or tomorrow sure to care for the wiring on the fountain.

Your check for Mrs. W. E. Quimby for $25.00 on account of a contribution for Miss Brandon is enclosed herewith with stamped, addressed envelope.

R. W. KELLOW,
Secretary

Enclosure

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[F5F11AX], Letter from George W Rowland to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 26th, 1920

Title
[F5F11AX], Letter from George W Rowland to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 26th, 1920

Author
Rowland, George W

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Dunn, Arvilla Emma Caroline
- Bestor, Arthur Eugene

Date
1920-05-26

Type
Letter

Subject

- Finances (TAE and family)
- Purchases
- Property

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CHARLES E. WELCH
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TREASURER

CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK
May 26, 1920.

Return again on Thursday —

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

Mr. Bestor has written me that he has informed you the matter of the purchase of Miss Dunn's property is up again.

As I understand it, you agreed with the Institution to take the three lots Nos. 5 and 7 Asbury Avenue and 8 North Terrace for which you were to pay $2500 at the rate of $50 per month until the full amount had been paid. Now, Miss Dunn has finally agreed with the Institution upon such terms that we can make the same arrangement with you, if you are willing to do so.

I am writing you because Mr. Bestor is away on a two weeks vacation and Miss Dunn must have a decision immediately. Knowing that you must be greatly interested in the purchase of this property, as it will more than double the value of your present holdings, I am sure you are willing to stand by your agreement of January 1919, as outlined above, but in order that there may be no misunderstanding, I would ask that you wire me immediately to that effect.

Am enclosing herewith map indicating the lots that you are buying.

C. A. Shaubenger
Miss Kennedy —

Sincerely yours,

G. W. Rowland
Superintendent.

Send telegram to
Mr. Rowland asking

Lot measurements seem
to have been changed
telegraph me all
lots I would own under
arrangements —
now being considered.

Get me the data on
Monday morning

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[F5F11AY], Letter from Arthur Eugene Bestor to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 8th, 1920

Title
[F5F11AY], Letter from Arthur Eugene Bestor to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 8th, 1920

Author
Bestor, Arthur Eugene

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- New York Symphony Orchestra
- Dunn, Arvilla Emma Caroline
- Miller, Lewis
- Vincent, John Heyl

Date
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Letter

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- Finances (TAE and family)
- Purchases
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK

Write Mr. Bestor
and say that I would like to talk over
this idea of a permanent memorial with
him when I am at Chau.
Ask if there will be
rooms at the Hotel
for some of us and
[illegible] many rooms
Several of us are
hoping to be at
Chau. for
Bishop's memorial
services as
representation of Father's close
relationship with Bishop Vincent
in their life work.

July 8, 1920

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
Llewellyn Park
Orange, New Jersey

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I am more delighted than I can possibly tell you at the completion of the arrangement with Miss Dunn. This is partly due to our feeling of relief at having that situation finally cleared up, but much more due to the fact that this opens the way for the whole development of Miller Park, in accordance with your plans. On behalf of the Executive Board, I want to express most cordial appreciation of the Institution for your purchase of this property.

I am very glad to be able to tell you that some of the Twilight Concerts by the New York Symphony Orchestra will be held in Miller Park. Both the conductor and manager of the Orchestra are most cordial and it is quite probable that we shall have some of the evening concerts at other places than the Hotel.

The Class of 1920 would like to place a permanent memorial on the grounds commemorating the founding of Chautauqua. The President of the Class came to me the other day and proposed a big boulder in Miller Park with a brass plate upon it rehearsing that this was the spot where the first assemblage was inaugurated by your father and the Bishop. I told him something of the plans for the beautification of the park and especially the making of the open air meeting place with the old stump as the rostrum. I further told him that we should not want to start any plans in connection with this improvement until they had your hearty approval. Instead of a boulder it would seem to me much more fitting to actually make that stump the memorial, upon which a brass plate might very well be placed. I should appreciate your frank judgment on this problem.

I sincerely hope that the plans you outline for the gathering of the Miller family at Chautauqua in connection with Old First Night can be carried thru. Please let me know if there are any other members of the family to whom we can have the pleasure of sending season passes.

With very best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,
Arthur E. Bestor

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[F5F11AZ], Letter from Nelson C Durand to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 15th, 1920

Title
[F5F11AZ], Letter from Nelson C Durand to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 15th, 1920

Author
Durand, Nelson C

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1920-07-15

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Letter

Subject

- Expositions, demonstrations, lectures
- Dictating machines

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THOMAS A. EDISON, INC.

ORANGE, N.J.

July 15, 1920.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

We will be honored by your attendance at the part of our program for the Ediphone Convention, where a silk American Flag will be presented to Mr. Edison in the Library, at 11 A.M. on August 12 (Thursday).

We hope you will attend our luncheon afterward at the Country Club, with Mr. Edison. A speaker of national importance will talk, and I feel sure both Mr. Edison and you will enjoy being with us.

Mrs. Charles Edison has also been invited.

May I hear from you with your acceptance?

Cordially,

Nelson C. Durand

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

Thank Mr. Durand and say that it will give me pleasure to accept his kind invitation -

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[F5F11BA], Letter from Arthur Eugene Bestor to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 21st, 1920

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[F5F11BA], Letter from Arthur Eugene Bestor to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 21st, 1920

Author
Bestor, Arthur Eugene

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- New York Symphony Orchestra
- Seiberling, Gertrude Penfield (Mrs Franklin A.)
- Hurlbut, Jesse Lyman
- Miller, Lewis
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Ford, Henry
- Finley, John Huston

Date
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Type
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK

Will write to Mrs. Frank Seiberling again —

July 21, 1920

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
Llewellyn Park
West Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

You will be very glad to know that Bishop Welch and Doctor John Finley have accepted invitations to deliver addresses in connection with the memorial services to Bishop Vincent on August 1. There will be two services - one at the Hall of Philosophy in the afternoon at which Doctor Hurlbut will speak and a special music service with excerpts from Parsifal by the New York Symphony Orchestra, and the two addresses in the evening.

As the time approaches for Old First Night it becomes increasingly evident that it is not going to be possible for us to put the campaign thru successfully unless we have some large gifts, and indeed I question whether it can be completely successful without the subscription of Mr. Ford. Would it be possible for you to go to Detroit just before you come to Chautauqua? I have always had high hopes that in a personal interview with him you could secure a substantial gift in memory of your father. I do not believe that it will come in any other way. I suggest this possibility because such a gift from him would absolutely assure success, and coming just this season would be the very greatest stimulus to the whole advanced movement of Chautauqua that could possibly be conceived of.

You could leave New York on the New York Central at 5 P.M. and be in Detroit the next morning at 7:10. You could leave Detroit at 10 P.M. in a sleeper, arriving in Cleveland early the next morning and reach Westfield at 11:20, or you could leave at 12:01 noon, via Cleveland, and arrive in Westfield at 8:42, or you could come to Chautauqua via the Michigan Central and Buffalo. I give you these connections so that you could see just what the possibilities are and save yourself the trouble of looking them up.

I know you will be delighted to know that thus far the season is the most successful in our history. Our Schools are over 30% above last year. The New York Symphony Concerts are, of course, a great success.

With very best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Arthur E. Bestor

Mr. Ford is on a vacation and it would do no good to go to Detroit I am sorry -

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Author
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Recipient
Bestor, Arthur Eugene

Mentioned

- Seiberling, Gertrude Penfield (Mrs Franklin A.)
- Ford, Henry
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
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July 24th, 1920.

Dear Mr. Bestor:

Mrs. Edison has handed me your letter of July 21st and asked me to tell you that she will write to Mrs. Frank Seiberling again.

Referring to your request that Mrs. Edison make a special trip to Detroit to see Mr. Ford, Mrs. Edison tells me Mr. Ford is on a vacation and it would do no good to go to Detroit. She is very sorry indeed that she cannot do this for you.

Faithfully yours,

Mr. Arthur E. Bestor,
Chautauqua, New York

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Title
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Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Rowland, George W

Date
1920-09-20

Type
Letter

Subject

- Property
- Contracts and other legal concerns

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THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

September 20, 1920.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:

Mr. Rowland of Chautauqua is to write you when through with your cottage there for the summer. You had planned having it torn down. Do you wish me to follow up the matter for you? Have you made up your mind regarding tearing it down ? We are carrying insurance on the building which we will have removed and adjusted if torn down.

R. W. KELLOW
Secretary

Kellow

I want to go out there
in October and want
nothing done until I
do go out -

Attribution

[F5F11BC], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to Thomas Alva Edison, September 23rd, 1920

Title
[F5F11BC], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to Thomas Alva Edison, September 23rd, 1920

Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Glenmont
- American Radiator Co
- Riker, Frederick J

Date
1920-09-23

Type
Letter

Subject

- Finances (TAE and family)
- Property
- Engines, boilers, prime movers

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THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

Furnace Boiler

[illegible]

September 23rd, 1920

Mr. Thomas A. Edison:

You may be interested in the guarantee of the American Radiator Company in connection with the two boilers just purchased for your home. It is as follows:

> "Regarding the proposition to install one #3-A-5 and one #3-A-6 Ideal Type "A" Steam Boilers in your residence, Llewellyn Park, West Orange, N.J., we hereby guarantee that the consumption of fuel in those boilers for the next heating season of seven months will not exceed 60 tons of coal conditionally that a normal chimney draft is provided.
>
> "That "Egg" size coal having a B.T.U. content not less than 12,000 B.T.U. per pound is used.
>
> "Also that ordinary care is observed by the delegated fireman in firing the boiler and removing ash and klinker.
>
> "If the above mentioned amount of 60 tons of coal for the heating season is exceeded, we agree to remove the boilers at our own expense and to refund to you the amount paid us for them.
>
> Yours very truly,
>
> AMERICAN RADIATOR COMPANY
> N Whitelaw, Specialist"

We have asked their assurance that this efficiency in consumption of fuel will continue for future years as well as for the next heating season.

Their salesman tells me 12,000 B.T.U. per pound in Egg coal coal is the minimum we ought to get. Our Mr. Riker confirms this and says the regular coal from dealers should run a good deal higher in B.T.U. The guarantee, therefore, seems quite satisfactory.

How long do they guarantee against mechanical defects ~~f~~ flaws in castings & shrinkage cracks

The boiler may crack in 3 days after use

They say they are behind their goods for practically unlimited (time so far as quality is concerned) manufacturing defects &c. Kellow 9/30/20

We estimated the consumption of the old boiler at 80 tons and the American Radiator Company representatives agreed to this for the purpose of guarantee as the actual consumption. Their guarantee is made accordingly.

R. W. KELLOGG
Secretary

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Title
[F5F11BD], Telegram from William Henry Meadowcroft to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 7th, 1920

Author
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Wadsworth, Nancy Elizabeth (Mrs William)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1920-10-07

Type
Telegram

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Deaths and funerals

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Telegram

Oct 7. 1920

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
Chatauqua Assembly
Chatauqua, N.Y.

Mr. Edison wishes me to ~~[illegible]~~ say that Mrs. Wadsworth at Milan died this morning. Funeral Sunday.

W. H. Meadowcroft

Sent W.U. 10/7/20
3.25 PM WHM

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Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Glenmont
- American Radiator Co
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

October 7th, 1920.

Kellow - I am so overworked & short of time, that I would like you to decide what in your opinion is the best thing to do

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:

I just want to confirm what I told you several days ago regarding the flues in your house so that you will understand the matter.

From an examination made by Mr. Bower, architect, and Mr. Dobbs, representative of the American Radiator Company, apparently none of the present flues which are being used for fire places and for the Conservatory Hot Water Heater are lined, and in the light of present-day practice, are therefore considered unsafe. I questioned Mr. Bower carefully regarding the conditions and he stated that he did not care to say that they were positively dangerous, though he did consider them unsafe.

We had thought best, with your approval, to move the Conservatory Hot Water Heater from its present location into the large room where the new furnaces are to be located and to connect it to a direct flue there, perhaps lining the flue from the top if you wished this done. This flue is straight up and down, whereas the other flues have off-sets in them and it would be impossible to line them. Even without the lining, the flue would seem to be safer than the other flues. However, at your direction, we have abandoned this idea and the Hot Water Heater is being left in its present location.

Another reason for this memorandum is that I want you to know that the situation has been very thoroughly looked over in connection with the new furnaces and you have been kept thoroughly informed of the conditions.

R. W. KELLOW,
Kellow
Secretary

C. C. To: Mr. Thomas A. Edison
Mr. Charles Edison.

Architect Bower on phone promised to see me and look over condition of flues next week — Kellow (Saturday, 10/9/20)

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Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Chautauqua Institution
- Bestor, Arthur Eugene

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THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

October 20th, 1920

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:

No doubt you arranged for disposition of your Chautauqua cottages while you were at Chautauqua. I know you planned some time ago to have them torn down. I am just writing this memorandum as a little reminder to you so that if there is anything further we can do to help you, you will let us know.

R. W. KELLOW,
Kellow
Secretary

They are attending
to that with them!

Mrs. Edison —
If torn down, insurance
should be cancelled — may
lower taxes also —
RWK 10/21/20

Yes they are to be torn down
this fall — You might
write Mrs Arthur Bestor
Chau. N.Y.
about the points
you make —

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Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Allen, John J
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Mambert, Stephen Babcock

Date
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THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

October 23, 1920.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison:-

Mr. Mambert wrote me on the 15th that you had stated that you wished the furnace in the garage in the Park enclosed so as to be shut off from the rest of the garage, with entrance from the outside, out Fire Chief Allen being of the opinion that gasoline vapor might enter the furnace pit when the furnace is in operation and cause an explosion. I answered (with copy to you) that I had already talked this situation over with Mrs. Edison and Chief Allen AND CONCLUDED that there is but little danger; that while I was not prepared to say that it is impossible for a fire to occur under the present arrangement I thought the likelihood exceedingly remote. The garage has been in use since, I think, about 1913 and no fires have occurred that I have heard of, but this, I realize, is no assurance that none may occur.

While I had an architect at the house yesterday in connection with the new chimney, I asked his opinion regarding this. He told me that the present arrangement is an absolute violation of the building code and that if it were known of by the authorities you would probably be instructed to change it. It looks, therefore, as if the evidence is somewhat against my judgment of the situation.

Attached is a rough sketch of the garage floor space and furnace pit, showing the usual locations of the cars, opening to furnace pit and other openings, location of underground gasoline tank, etc. If the present arrangement is to be corrected, it would seem best to seal up thoroughly with cement the entrance to the furnace pit through garage floor and the holes for the dumping of coal and the removal of ashes, see that there is no opening from the turntable pit into the furnace pit, cut an entrance through the garage wall on the front of garage and make an areaway with steps on the outside. I think a hole should also be cut through the front wall of garage to chute coal into the coal bin, unless we can make the doorway serve this purpose.

It we may reasonably expect trouble from the present arrangement, it would no doubt be advisable to make these changes, as considerable property damage might result from a heavy explosion, with possible loss of life.

What ~~is~~ your opinion, please?

Kellow

I guess we shall have to
enter furnace from the outside
we can pick the coal at old removed
stable only want a ton or so
better have it done
E

(over)

7/6/21 This is being handled by Mrs. Edison thru Bonner, architect of E. Orange, along with changes in 2nd floor —

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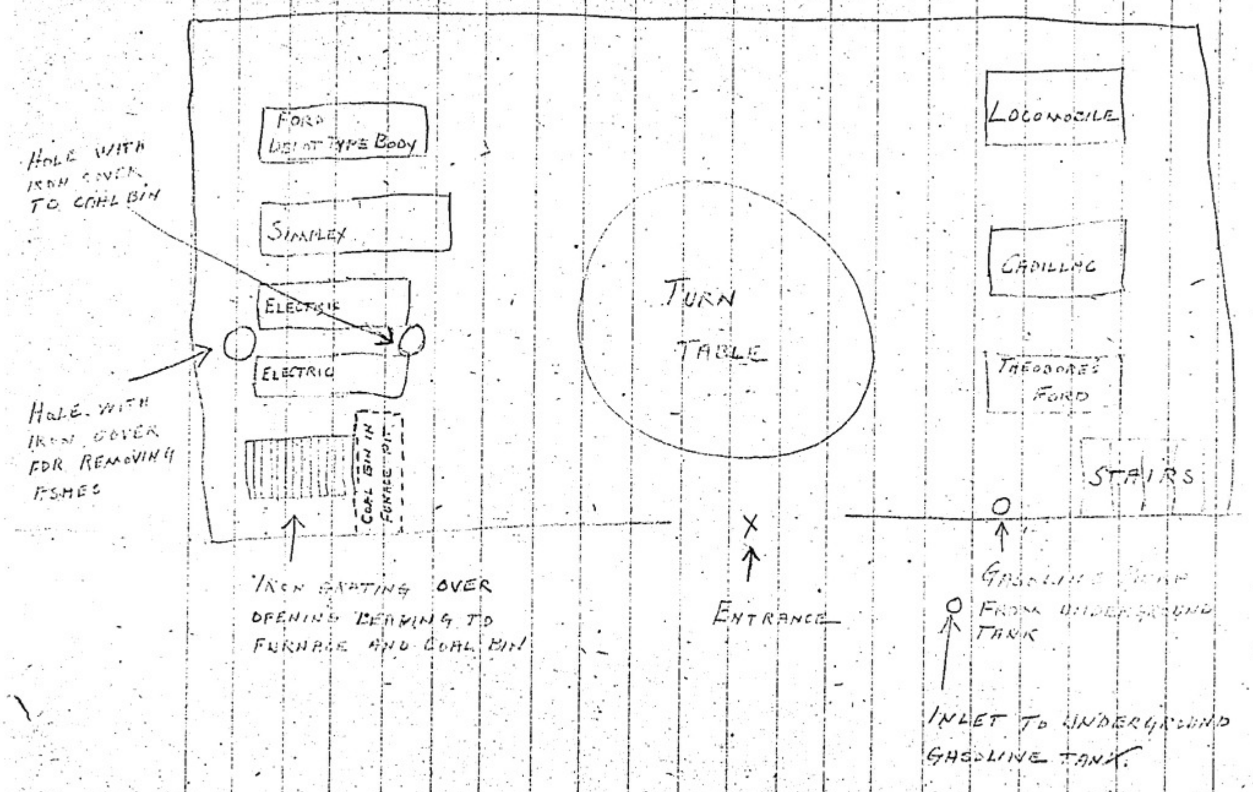
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IRON GRATING OVER OPENING LEADING TO FURNACE AND COAL BIN
TURN TABLE
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STAIRS
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INLET TO UNDERGROUND GASOLINE TANK.

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Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient

- Chautauqua Institution
- Bestor, Arthur Eugene

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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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October 25, 1920.

Mr. Arthur E. Bestor,
Chautauqua, New York.

My dear Mr. Bestor:

Mrs. Edison has informed me that she has arranged with you for the razing of her cottages at Chautauqua, which I presume are the ones located on lots Nos. 51 and 52, known as the Wesley Cottages.

We are carrying fire insurance upon these cottages, and I would very much appreciate it if you will kindly advise me for Mrs. Edison at what time it will be proper to remove this insurance.

I suppose the Chautauqua tax assessment will be somewhat reduced on account of the disposition of these cottages. Perhaps you will attend to this item for Mrs. Edison, or be kind enough to advise me with whom to take the matter up.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

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C.C. to Mrs. Edison.

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Title
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Author

- Chautauqua Institution
- Bestor, Arthur Eugene

Recipient
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Mentioned

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Rowland, George W

Date
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Type
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Chautauqua, New York
October 28, 1920

Mr. R. W. Kellow, Secretary
Mr. Thomas A. Edison
Orange, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Kellow:

Your letter of the 25th instant I am referring to Mr. Rowland, who is in charge of razing the cottages at Chautauqua, and just as soon as he begins the work of tearing them down will notify you so that the insurance can be cancelled. Mr. Rowland also handles all matters of taxation and will take up the matter with the proper authorities with a view of the reduction of the taxes on Mrs. Edison's property.

Very truly yours,

Arthur E Bestor

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Recipient
Kellow, Richard Wesley

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Oct 29, 1920.

Mr. Kellow,
Laborbtory.

Re. your Interfunctional Purchase Order #7201.

The two old cesspools on south side of former barn site are out of commission and may be filled up.

The catch basin on the north side which formerly received the barn sewerage also receives the drain from the pig pen. This drain will have to be put directly into the sewer on private road extension of Honeysuckle Ave., if this catch basin is to be eliminated.

We also find that the roof leaders from the Garage empty into the Garage Cesspool lower down in the field, this puts an excess of water into this cesspool when it rains and causes it to overflow.

I would recommend diverting this storm water from the Garage cesspool to the block gutter on Glen Ave. by means of a tile pipe thro the truck garden.

No storm water, whatsoever, should be put either into a sanitary sewer or a cesspool.

Construction & Maintenance Service Division

Nicolai

Division Manager.

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- Chautauqua Institution
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Chautauqua, New York

November 15, 1920.

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Mr. R. W. Kellow,
Secretary to Thos. A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

My dear Mr. Kellow:

We are ready to take down the Edison cottages at Chautauqua, and I would advise that you have your insurance cancelled immediately.

Sincerely yours,

G.W. Rowland

Superintendent.

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Mrs. Edison
Garage

THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

November 15th, 1920.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:-

There are two old cesspools near the site of the old barn, on the right hand side as you look toward the barn site from the house, which are now out of commission apparently, and may be filled up. I suppose these received the waste water from the barn. There are man-holes on them, through which ashes could be dumped, if you wish them filled up in this way. I have had Nicolai's man look them over and he reports them out of commission. No doubt you will know what they were used for and whether the above assumption is correct. There is a catch basin on the other side of the barn site which receives the sewage from the barn. This catch basin, I presume, should be allowed to remain where it is. Perhaps the top of it might be lowered a little bit so as to bring it on the level or a little below the ground.

Nicolai's man also reports that the roof leader of the garage empties into the garage cesspool lower down in the field, which puts an excess amount of water into the cesspool when it rains, and causes it to overflow. You will recall that we have been talking about making a catch basin for the waste water which runs from the garage, when cars are washed, into this cesspool. If the roof water can be run elsewhere a catch basin would probably be unnecessary. Nicolai suggests piping this water by tile pipe, through the truck garden to the gutter on Glen Avenue. This would mean some digging and if you decide to have it done, perhaps you would rather wait until Spring to do it.

R. W. KELLOW,
Kellow
Secretary

Cesspools are out of ~~commission~~
Can be filled with ashes.

Thought the garage was to be connected with town Sewerage

I would like to see you about this.

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Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Edison, Thomas Alva

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THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

November 15th, 1920.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:

For your information, I am sending you list of all the materials that were removed from the old barn, showing the disposition that was made of it, i.e. where it is at present. Some of this equipment belonged to Mr. Edison and has been removed to the Laboratory and else-where, the balance of it is stored as shown. This list also shows items to be sold. I have written you giving you the prices we have secured on several items and are awaiting your approval.

The refrigerator has been listed as sold but as you know, we are endeavoring to get this back again for you through Van Kuren.

R. W. KELLOW,

Secretary

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[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

DISPOSITION OF CONTENTS OF OLD BARN

RAZED IN OCTOBER 1920

NAME	LOCATED	DISPOSITION
✓ 2 Boxes Experimental Machinery	Carriage House	Silver Lake Salvage ✓ Storage
✓ 1 " " "	" "	Laboratory Cellar ✓
✓ 3 Pieces " "	" "	" " ✓
✓ 1 Motor " "	" "	Silver Lake Salvage ✓ Storage
✓ 1 Handle for " "	" "	Laboratory Cellar ✓
✓ 1 Baby's High Chair	" "	Mr. Walter
✓ 1 Single Beadstead, Spring & Mattress	" "	" "
✓ 1 Baby Crib	" "	" "
✓ 7 Wooden Horses	" "	" "
✓ 1 Shovel	" "	" "
✓ 2 Hose Reels (1 broken)	" "	" "
✓ 1/2 Barrel Lime	" "	" "
✓ 14 Bags Lime	" "	" "
✓ 1 Bbl 1 Bag containing Nitrate of Soda	" "	" "
✓ 1/2 bag Tobacco Dust	" "	" "
✓ 1. Potato Cutter	" "	" "
✓ 3 Rolls Chicken Wire	" "	" "
✓ Bean Poles	" "	" "
✓ 1 Electric Rheostate	Second Stall	Laboratory Cellar
✓ 2 Bbls. Electric Bulbs (odd size & shapes)	" "	Second floor garage
✓ 1 Roll Electric Wire	" "	Laboratory scrapped
✓ 1 Empty Barrel	" "	Mr. Walter
✓ piece Chicken Wire	" "	" "
✓ 1 Piece Experimental Machinery	Fifth Stall	Laboratory Cellar
✓ 8 Large Bbls. Electric Bulbs) Odd	" "	2nd floor Garage
✓ 2 Small ") Shapes	" "	" " "
✓ 1 Large Box " ") and	" "	" " "
✓ 4 Small Boxes " ") Sizes	" "	" " "
✓ 3 wooden Horses	" "	Mr. Walter
✓ 1 Plumbers Fire Box	" "	" "
✓ 10 Ft. Rubber Hose	" "	" "
✓ 1 Bundle Iron Rods	" "	" "
✓ 4 Small Boxes Electric Bulbs	Sixth Stall	2nd Floor Garage
✓ 2 Bbls " "	" "	" " "
✓ 2 Large Wooden Horses	" "	Mr. Walter
✓ 1 Snow Plow	" "	" "
✓ 4 Mahogany Boards 1' X 3'	Box Stall	To be used by Pattern Shop
✓ 1 Doll House	" "	Den Garage
✓ 1 Wooden Cabinet	" "	Mr. Walter
✓ 4 Small Screens	" "	" "
✓ 2 Screens 4X 2½	" "	" "
✓ 1 Screen 4 X 6	" "	" "
✓ 3 Boards with electric sockets	" "	" " for lumber
1 Galv. Iron Tray 4 X 6 X 5	" "	" "

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

NAME	LOCATED	DISPOSITION
✓1 Old Type Phonograph	Loft	Laboratory Cellar
✓1 Large Awning (all torn)	"	Scrapped
✓1 Large Oval Table (Evidently used for) (electric trains)	"	Mr. Walter, lumber
✓1 Box train tracks	"	Garage Den
✓1 Tunnel	"	" "
✓2 Boxes Paper Flowers	"	Scrapped
✓Miscellaneous Screens	"	Mr. Walter
✓2 Artificial legs	"	Scrapped
✓1 Wooden Gun	"	"
✓1 Shovel	"	Mr. Walter
✓1 Toilet Seat	"	" "
✓4 Wooden Horses	"	" "
✓Scrap Tin	"	" "
✓1 Sleigh	Wash House	Back of Cow Shed
✓1 Electric Runabout	" "	Under trees outside old Barn
✓1 Jack	" "	Mr. Simpson Garage
✓ 1 Small bag Nails	" "	Mr. Walter
✓1 Small Pane Glass	" "	" "
✓1 Harrow	" "	Back of Cow Shed
✓1 Spade	" "	Mr. Walter
✓ 2 Bundles Iron Rods	" "	" "
✓ Bean Poles	" "	" "
✓6 Wooden frames used for decorations	Outside Stalls	Mr. Walter for Lumber
✓1 Piece Lumber 2 X 6 X 24	" "	" "
✓1 Large frame with electric fixtures	" "	Scrapped
✓1 Box containing frame with electric fixtures	" "	Garage Den
✓1 Lawn Roller	" "	Mr. Walter
✓2 Boys Sleds	First Stalls	Garage Den
✓Miscellaneous Lumber	" "	Mr. Walter
✓6 Wooden Horses	" "	" "
✓1 Roasting Pan	Fourth Stall	Scrapped
✓2 Empty Barrels	" "	Mr. Walter
✓5 Bags Sawdust	" "	" "
✓1 Snow Shovel	" "	" "
✓4 Wooden Horses	" "	" "
✓1 Roll Barb Wire	" "	" "
✓1 Roll Chicken Wire	" "	" "
✓1 Box Lime	" "	" "
✓1 Weber Piano	Office	Garage
✓1 Bob Sled	Coal Shed	Garage Den
✓1 Box Firewood and Coal	" "	Mr. Walter
✓1 Accurate Fire Extinguisher	Kitchen	Garage

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

NAME	LOCATED	DISPOSITION
✓ 2 Wooden Doors	Closet in Loft	Mr. Walter
✓ 1 Grub	" " "	" "
✓ Fire Wood	Third Stall	" "

TO BE SOLD

1 Carriage	Wash House
1 Large White Mahogany Table	Carriage House
1 Large piece Black & Gold trimming	" "
1 Large Awning	Outside Stall
Miscellaneous Awnings and Irons	Second Stalls
1 Single Horse Shaft)	
1 Double Horse Shaft) for sleigh	Fourth Stall
3 cushions for carriage	Box Stall
1 Table	Kitchen
1 Single Bed and Mattress	Bed Room
1 Wooden clothes closet	" "
1 Coal Stove	" "
1 Oil Cooking Stove	Loft
1 Horse Lawn Mower	

SOLD

1 Refrigerator	Wash House
1 Pot stove	Carriage "

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Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Boarman, L H

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
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Mina M. Edison
R. W. Kellow, Secretary
Mr. L. H. Boarman, Manager,
Insurance Service Dept.
Fire Insurance - Chautauqua

November 19, 1920

P 441

Confirming telephone conversation of today please cancel the fire insurance on Mrs. Edison's two cottages at Chautauqua located on lots 51 and 52. These cottages are being torn down.

Credit

R. W. Kellow
Secretary.

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Title
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Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient

- Chautauqua Institution
- Rowland, George W

Mentioned
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1920-11-19

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Letter

Subject

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- Property
- Contracts and other legal concerns

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November 19, 1920

Mr. G. W. Rowland, Superintendent,
Chautauqua Institution,
Chautauqua, New York.

Dear Mr. Rowland:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 15th. We have arranged to cancel the insurance on the two cottages which are being torn down located on lots 51 and 52.

Mrs. Edison, I believe, told you how to dispose of the contents of these.

Will you be kind enough to notify me when the razing has been completed, and also will you see to a reduction of the tax if possible on account of destruction of these cottages.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

cc Mrs. Edison

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Title

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Author

- Edison Pioneers
- Hammer, William Joseph

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

Edison, Thomas Alva

Date

1920-12-12

Type

Letter

Subject

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Hotel Earle 103 Waverly Place.
New York. Dec, 12th 1920.

Mrs Thomas A. Edison.
Edgmont-Llewellyn Park
Orange N. J.

Think best /

My dear Mrs Edison.

I am enclosing herewith two letters which I have just sent to all the "Edison Pioneers" so that they will know without delay of the plan decided upon to consolidate the Reception of Jan 1st 1921 with the Annual meeting & Dinner of the Edison Pioneers to be held on Feb, 11th 1921 & also to let them know that the Official Certificate of Membership and the Insignia of the Edison Pioneers are about ready for distribution, Trusting that these letters will meet with your approval & awaiting word from you regarding the arranging of Mr Edison's many Honors & Trophies, I remain

Very truly yours.

W. J. Hammer

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Author
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Recipient

- Edison Pioneers
- Hammer, William Joseph

Mentioned

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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EDISON
PIONEERS

December 14, 1920.

Dear Mr. Hammer:

Referring to your letter of December 12th. relative to the combining the Reception of January 1st, 1921 with the Annual Meeting and Dinner of The Edison Pioneers to be held on February 11th, 1921, Mrs. Edison has asked me to tell you that she thinks it best to have the dinner down at the Laboratory or somewhere else then come up to Mr. Edison's residence in Llewellyn Park for the afternoon Reception.

Faithfully yours,

for Mrs Edison

Mr. William J. Hammer,
Hotel Earle.
103 Waverly Place.
New York City.

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Title
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Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
American Radiator Co

Date
1920-12-21

Type
Letter

Subject

- Finances (TAE and family)
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THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

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December 21, 1920

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:

Attached is original letter from American Radiator Company, Newark, N. J., dated December 17, regarding wrong methods of firing the new furnaces at your home.

Since the American Radiator Company guarantee the fuel consumption for this season I think you will agree with me that we should adhere strictly to their instructions. There is no doubt but that they have prescribed the most economical method of firing inasmuch as it is in their own interest to do so since they have made this guarantee, and, of course, it is in your interest through the fact that you save coal.

Will you be good enough to instruct Walter accordingly or are you so busy that you would like to have me instruct him in your behalf.

R. W. Kellow
Secretary

I think Adam is doing it all right now.

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Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Robinson, John William

Mentioned

- New York Telephone Co
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

December 30th, 1920.

Mr. J. W. Robinson, Secretary,
Thomas A. Edison, Incorporated.

For some months past, Mrs. Edison has been given considerable trouble by persons calling her residence telephone when they wished to converse with someone here at the Edison Industries.

The matter was taken up with Mr. Bell, of the New York Telephone Company, and upon investigation, it was found that the last Suburban Directory had arranged the names of the various Industries and that of Mr. Thomas A. Edison's residence in such a manner as to be very confusing.

The only way of remedying the matter, until a new edition was printed, was to have a challenge placed upon the residence number - Orange 257. This has been done and although it has saved Mrs. Edison considerable trouble, has been very annoying to her friends, who, upon calling the residence number would be challenged by the local operator before being able to talk with Mrs. Edison.

The new Suburban Edition is about to be printed and Mr. Bell has sent Mrs. Edison pages from both the May 1919 issue and the 1920 Suburban issue, and has asked Mrs. Edison if she had any suggestions to make as to the arrangement of the names for this new edition.

Attached is copy of list which we are about to send out to Mr. Bell. Mr. Theodore Edison sent this list to you and Miss Decker has approved it. If you do not approve of this arrangement or have another suggestion to make, will you kindly let us hear from you, or if this meets with your approval, kindly approve on the attached copy of this memorandum and return to us, upon receipt of which we will send the list to Mr. Bell.

R. W. KELLOW,
Secretary

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[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

(Dec. 30, 1920)

Edison, Thos. A. r. Llewellyn Park, W.O.	Orange 257
*EDISON, THOS. A., INDUSTRIES, Lakeside Ave. W.O.	
*Edison, Thos. A. Inc	Orange 6800
*Edison, T. A. Laboratory	Orange,6800
*Edison Phonograph Works	Orange 6800
*Edison Storage Battery Co.	Orange 6800
*EDISON, THOS A. INDUSTRIES, Belmont Ave. Slvr Lk.	
*Edison Chemical Works	Branch Brook 3700
*Edison Primary Battery Co.	Branch Brook 3700

Sent Jan. 3, 1921. to Mr. Bell.

→ Mr Kellow

O.K.